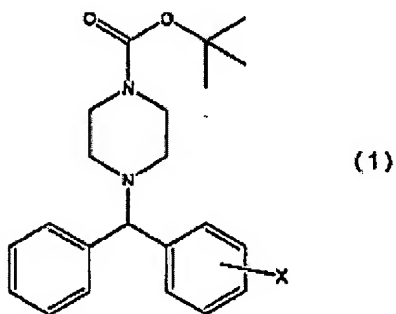


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

a' A method for producing 1-[(substituted phenyl)phenylmethyl]piperazines useful as intermediates for pharmaceuticals and the like, more particularly, for example, to an intermediate for the production of antiallergic pharmaceuticals. ~~There is provided a~~ A 4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)piperazine compound of formula (1) .



wherein X denotes a chlorine atom, a C1-C3 alkyl group or a C1-C3 alkoxy group, and
an optical isomer present therein.
